



Biological Risk Management and Containment

Appendix 3

How to determine whether an organism is classified as an Unwanted Organism

Containment Laboratory Guidelines

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1. Who are these guidelines for?

These guidelines are intended for **principal investigators (PIs), designated persons in charge, designated laboratory person (DLPs)**, technical staff and students trained in the safe use of **risk biologicals** in appropriate containment facilities.

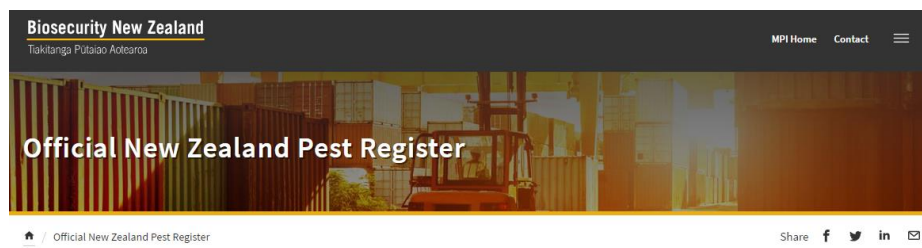
2. Introduction

The MPI databases will give you a reasonable basis to decide whether the particular organism is **an unwanted organism** in NZ.

3. Navigation

3.1. Go to Official New Zealand Pest Register website:

<https://pierpestregister.mpi.govt.nz/Home/>



Official New Zealand Pest Register

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Pests of concern to NZ

A search tool that contains information on all pests and pathogens that can affect plant, animal or human health in New Zealand.



Pest Register for NZ importers

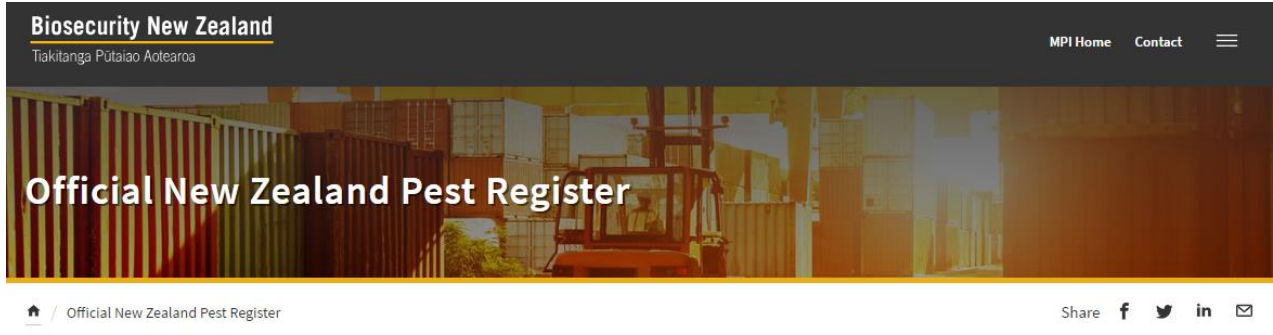
A search tool for NZ importers, including regulated pests and action upon interception.



Pest Register for NZ exporters

A search tool for NZ exporters, featuring overseas quarantine pest lists and NZ Country Freedom Status.

3.2. Click to the Search the Pest Register for NZ importers (this online tools replace the Unwanted Organisms Register)



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Pest register for New Zealand importers

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You can also search the Pest Register for [Pests of concern to NZ](#) and [Exports from NZ](#).

Close

Search for pest information

Make selections, or type in the search box.
You can fill in (or leave blank) whichever fields you wish. [Status definitions](#)

<p>Pest scientific name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">- Select one -</div>	<p>Organism type</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">- Select one -</div>	<p>Search</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Rhodotorula rubra</div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Search for anything, including common names</p>
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<p>Regulatory status ?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Regulated <input type="checkbox"/> Non-regulated <input type="checkbox"/> Not assessed	<p>HSNO status ?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited <input type="checkbox"/> New organism <input type="checkbox"/> Not a new organism <input type="checkbox"/> Not assessed
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Please note that you should search on all synonyms, anamorphic and teleomorphic binomial, as the Unwanted Organisms Register does not necessarily cross reference synonyms.

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Search for pest information Modify search

Showing results 1 - 1 of 1 for "Rhodotorula rubra"

Pest name	Scientific name(s)	Common name(s)	Organism type	Regulatory status	HSNO status
Rhodotorula rubra	Rhodotorula rubra		Fungus	Not assessed	Not assessed

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Important

Special Chief Technical Officer approval is required under s52 of the Biosecurity Act to transfer into the University or work with Unwanted Organisms.

If you find that your organism is on the Unwanted Organism list, please contact the Biosafety Officer. The item must be held in quarantine pending approval, and not be transmitted/transferred to another facility until MPI approval is obtained. Alternatively, you might be asked to destroy it at MPI discretion. In any case, contact the Biosafety Officer for advice before destruction.